

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE (YOS) ANNUAL YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2012/13
DATE OF DECISION:	11 OCTOBER 2012
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This is the first Southampton Youth Offending Service (YOS) Youth Justice Strategic Plan following disaggregation of Wessex Youth Offending Team (YOT) from 1 April 2012. The full report is attached to this paper.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Committee notes the report.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In response to a request from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. The Youth Offending Service is required to publish a Youth Justice Strategic Plan in line with the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998, Part iii, Section. 40.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The Southampton Youth Offending Service Plan is the first of its kind following on from last year's Wessex YOT Plan. The Plan sets out the local and national context and also an agreed set of priorities based on previous performance, partners priorities, and a series of recommendations from the outcome of the 2011 inspection of Wessex YOT.
4. The Plan has been subject to extensive preliminary consultation including:
 - Partner agencies – priorities agreed.
 - Lead Member for Communities.
 - Youth Justice Board Local Partnership Delivery Lead.
5. The local Youth Offending Service plan covers these elements that are prescribed under Youth Justice Board guidance. This included structure and governance including partnership arrangements, resourcing and any perceived risks to future delivery.
6. The Southampton Youth Offending Service plan has been developed in consultation with all the key partners who contribute resource and management expertise and are responsible for the effectiveness and delivery of the service.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

7. The YOS core budget has been agreed for 2012/13 and is summarised in the Plan. There are no further financial implications regarding the endorsement of the Plan.

Property/Other

8. In April 2012, the YOS co-located with Pathways Care Leavers Service. Property costs are addressed within the YOS budget. There are no further financial/asset implications regarding the endorsement of the Plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. All Youth Offending Services are required to submit a Youth Justice Strategic Plan to the Youth Justice Board and Ministry of Justice, and the Plan needs to be endorsed by full Council (Crime and Disorder Act, 1998, Part iii, Section 40).

Other Legal Implications:

10. In September 2011 the Government passed the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act. This Act included legislation that replaces Police Authorities with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs). On 15 November 2012, the people of Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight will go to the polls to vote for one person to oversee policing, a Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire. The PCC will take office on 22 November 2012. Preparation for this change is a YOS priority detailed in the Plan (Strategic Priority One).
11. The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill is due to be enacted in winter 2012. A function of this Act will be to devolve budgetary responsibility for secure juvenile remands from the Youth Justice Board to local authorities. Preparation for this change is a YOS priority detailed in the Plan. The YOS Manager is liaising with the YJB regarding a briefing for Southampton Children's Services management (Strategic Priority Two).

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. The SYOS Plan links with a range of other partner plans including:
 - Health and wellbeing strategy, including teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, substance misuse.
 - Integrated Offender Management involves Probation, Police, other Hampshire LAs, Community Safety Partnerships, Prison Service, Local Criminal Justice Boards.
 - Safe City Partnership Plan.
 - Southampton Prevention Strategy.

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KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Southampton Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2012/13
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Documents In Members' Rooms

	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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